P>**Title:** Made references to the passing away of King Hussain of Jordon; Shri G. G. Swell a member of third, fourth, fifth, eighth and eleventh Lok Sabha on 25th January, 1999; Shri Shivendra Bahadur Singh, a member of seventh, eighth and tenth Lok Sabha on 31st December, 1998; Shri K.T. Achuthan, a member of first Lok Sabha on 8 January, 1999; and Shri R.G. Tiwari, a member of fifth and seventh Lok Sabha on 12th February, 1999.

(NATIONAL ANTHEM)

(The National Anthem was played.)

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13.06 hrs.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 22nd February, 1999.

13.06 1/2 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of King Hussein of Jordan, Prof. G.G. Swell, former Deputy-Speaker of this august House and three of our former colleagues, namely, Sarvashri Shivendra Bahadur Singh, K.T. Achuthan and R.G. Tiwari.

The people of India were shocked and saddened by the news of the untimely death of King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. King Hussein will be remembered in history as a courageous apostle of the cause of peace and understanding in the Middle-East. His personal commitment to this cause contributed substantially to the progress in the Middle-East Peace Process which has, as its ultimate objective a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region.

During the period of King Hussein's stewardship of Jordan, there has been considerable forward movement in the bilateral cooperation between India and Jordan. For his pioneering contribution to the development of Indo-Jordan relations, the people of India will always hold King Hussein in highest esteem. He was a true friend of India.

I am sure, the House will join me in conveying our sorrow to the bereaved family members of King Hussein, the Government and the people of Jordan.

Prof. G.G. Swell was a Member of Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas representing Assam -- Autonomous District from 1962 to 1977 and Eighth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas representing Shillong Parliamentary constituency of Meghalaya from 1984 to 1989 and 1996 to 1997, respectively. In between, he was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1990 to 1996.

Prof. Swell's reputation as a professor and a man of letters was very well known. He began his political career in 1952 and was later associated with various social and political organisations in different capacities. As a distinguished parliamentarian, Prof. Swell was one amongst those who made their mark almost from the beginning of their association with Parliament.

He adorned the office of the Deputy-Speaker twice, during the Fourth and the Fifth Lok Sabhas and very ably conducted the proceedings of the House. He served with distinction the Committee on Government Assurances from 1992 to 1994, the Committee on External Affairs and the Committee on Provision of Computers during 1996.

Prof. Swell represented India as Ambassador to Norway from 1977 to 1980 and Myanmar (Burma) from 1980 to 1984.

A widely travelled person, Prof. Swell represented India as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1985.

Prof. Swell contributed several articles to the National Dailies.

He passed away on 25th January, 1999 in Shillong at the age of 75.

In his death, the country has lost an able administrator, seasoned parliamentarian and above all a distinguished person.

Shri Shivendra Bahadur Singh was a Member of Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Lok Sabhas representing Rajnandgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh from 1980 to 1989 and 1991 to 1996.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Singh was a well known social and political worker. He was associated with various organisations in the State. He worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the downtrodden and welfare of the handicapped and orphans.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Singh was the Chairman of Joint Committee on Salary and Allowances of Members of Parliament and was also a member of various other Committees from 1991 to 1996.

A widely travelled person, Shri Singh was a member of the Indian Delegations to U.K., France and Iraq.

Shri Shivendra Bahadur Singh passed away on 31st December, 1998 at Gurgaon at the age of 56.

Shri K.T. Achuthan was a Member of First Lok Sabha representing erstwhile Crangannur Parliamentary Constituency of Trichur (Travancore-Cochin) from 1952 to 1957.

Earlier Shri Achuthan was a Member of the Legislative Assembly, Cochin from 1942 to 1948 and Legislative Assembly, Travancore-Cochin from 1948 to 1951. Later he ably served the Government of Kerala as the Minister for Labour and Transport from 1960 to 1965.

A well known parliamentarian, Shri Achuthan was a member of the Committee on Petitions from 1955 to 1956.

Shri Achuthan actively participated in the Renaissance movement for the cultural emancipation of the backward classes in Kerala. An active social and political worker, Shri Achuthan had been a participant in the freedom movement led by Mahatma Gandhi.

An advocate by profession, Shri K.T. Achuthan was a highly respected person in Kerala. He was very simple in his life and his commitment to progressive ideals had endeared him to the people.

Shri K.T. Achuthan died on 8th January, 1999 at Kodungallur, Kerala at the age of 87.

Shri R.G. Tiwari was a Member of Fifth and Seventh Lok Sabhas representing Bilaspur and Janjgir Parliamentary Constituencies of Madhya Pradesh from 1971 to 1977 and 1980 to 1984, respectively.

Earlier, Shri Tiwari was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh from 1967 to 1971. He served the Madhya Pradesh Government as a Minister of Law and Cooperation.

An advocate and agriculturist by profession, Shri Tiwari was associated with various National and State Cooperative Marketing Federations.

A well known social and political worker, Shri Tiwari worked relentlessly for the promotion of Primary Education and Rural Development.

Shri Tiwari travelled widely in connection with his endeavours in the Cooperative Movement and also wrote articles on the theme of Cooperation which were published.

Shri Tiwari passed away on 12th February, 1999 at Raipur, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 88.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

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13.16 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on

Tuesday, February 23, 1999/Phalguna 4, 1920 (Saka).